

HOUSE No. 1089

By Mr. Nyman of Hanover, petition of Robert J. Nyman and others relative to establishing a special commission to study student safety in the Commonwealth. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Robert J. Nyman	Edward G. Connolly
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	James B. Leary
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	Kathleen M. Teahan

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE STUDENT SAFETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 There shall be a special commission to investigate, study, and
2 make a report on the use of Type 1-B fire proof materials in new
3 construction of, or major additions to publicly funded schools,
4 colleges and universities, and student dormitories. The report shall
5 assess the utility of said fire proof materials in providing addi-
6 tional protection from death, injury and property damage or loss
7 from fire for students in the Commonwealth, as well as death,
8 injury and property damage or loss to first responders, employees,
9 and public property resulting from fire. Said report shall include,
10 but not be limited to, a cost-benefit analysis of the incremental
11 cost, if any; the impact on energy conservation; the impact upon
12 insurance rates of such level of fire proofing; and the increased
13 safety for students, including those residing in dormitories. The
14 commission shall consist of nine members: the House and Senate
15 chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and the Joint Com-
16 mittee on Education, Arts & Humanities; the executive director of
17 the school building assistance program or her designee; the state
18 fire marshal or his designee; the chair of the state building code
19 commission or his designee; a representative of the Fire Safety

20 Construction Advisory Council; and a representative of the
21 Massachusetts Municipal Association. The commission shall file
22 its report, including its recommendations and a draft of any legis-
23 lation necessary to carry out its recommendations, by filing the
24 same with the clerks of the House of Representatives and the
25 Senate not later than October 31, 2005.